

**Urban Design Committee  
Meeting Notes  
January 3, 2001**

Members present: Third World Oforah and Scott Sullivan

Others present: Steve Huggenberger (Law Dept.), Steve Hiller (Parks & Recreation), Corby Dill & Jill Bazzell (Qwest Wireless), Ed Zimmer & Missy Minner (Planning Dept.)

**Wireless Communication tower (Qwest) at Culler Middle School**

Bazzell noted that the proposal is to construct a 65' tall wireless tower. There are 2 satellite dishes and a TV antennae in the same area. There are 2 apartment complexes that will block the view of the tower from R Street. Additionally, they will screen with trees. Equipment box is 4x4x2 and is low voltage, it will not be fenced in.

The 3 antennas hug the pole. The closest buildings to the tower are the garages for the apartments. This is the location that was chosen by Larry Hennings.

There are no windows in the apartments that face the tower.

If this application doesn't get approved, they have an application in on the mortuary next door. That application will not come before the Committee.

Zimmer pointed out that the Committee is making a recommendation to the school board.

Bazzell added that both owners of the neighboring apartment complexes are aware of the application. The ordinance states that co-location is preferred, however there are no other towers in this location.

Committee members stated some concern with the proximity of the apartments. There was also a concern that another carrier will be looking to locate in this area in the future. In general, this tower seems to be good.

**Proposals by Qwest to construct wireless communication tower at Antelope Park or co-locate on existing tower (Alltel) at Antelope Park (vicinity of "WaterPark" apartments, 29<sup>th</sup> & A Streets) -**

Zimmer stated that this is a request by Qwest to co-locate on the Alltel tower. They are still working on negotiations with Alltel for that lease. If that does not work out, they would like to build a second tower in the area. The question before the Committee is whether both locations are fine or if there is a preference from an urban design point of view.

Bazzell indicated that they would prefer to co-locate. They have been working without success

with Alltel for several months. Alltel has recently come back to them with a lease. Once that lease is signed, they will withdraw the application for the second tower.

Zimmer pointed out that the Parks Advisory Board has recommended co-location and did not approve of a new tower.

Committee members indicated that they would prefer co-location on the Alltel tower. They wouldn't want the residents in the area to have to look at two towers.

Bazzell stated that only one person showed up at the neighborhood meeting they held. They meet with the neighborhoods in Lincoln regarding these applications.

Oforah stated that it is possible that there could be another tower in this area in the future with additional carriers coming.